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Doug Macnab's reaction to new bear hunt

Brakes put on clean and clear court challenge

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

McInerney Lane is missing the blue 1967 Chevy truck that had marked the McInerney family's stake along the shores of Horseshoe Lake for years.

The truck, which was the focus of the first challenge of Minden Hills' new clean and clear bylaw, was removed by the owners before the case went to court last Friday.

Minden Hills therefore decided to withdraw its charge to avoid incurring further legal costs.

Pat McInerney's father, the late Clarence McInerney, had parked the truck beside the old mill on the property to give the impression the place was not abandoned back in the 1970s and there it has stayed until now. Pat planted a garden beside the truck with a sign in memory of her parents.

She and her partner Ed Grant were ordered to remove the truck from the property in May of 2002; it was deemed to be in contravention of Minden Hills' then new Clean and Clear Bylaw. The bylaw calls for the removal of any inoperative vehicle that does not have a valid vehicle permit after a period of 30 days in rural/cottage residential zones.

The bylaw is complaint-driven and a complaint was lodged by one of the couple's neighbours. The couple has argued that the truck was situated out of sight from the cottages on the lane and the lake and did not bother anyone else. They asserted the vehicle was a local landmark.

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Len Pizze/TIMES

Santa comes to town

A fresh layer of snow made it easier on the feet of Santa's reindeers and Rhonda Francis's miniature horses, driven by Dakotah and Ashley Francis, when they arrived in Minden on Saturday afternoon to take part in the annual Christmas parade. We have more photos on page 10.

Water levels the highest in years

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

It will take a break in the weather to reverse the ultra high water levels in Haliburton County lakes and rivers.

Bruce Kitchen of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) said weather conditions have resulted in the opposite of last year when water levels in the Gull River were exceptionally low.

"If we continue to get rain the water levels will remain high," Kitchen said. He noted that after a dry period in the summer, it started to rain in September and

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Minden Rotary still calling bingo numbers

Bingo is still alive in Minden.

Although the Lions Club has discontinued its weekly bingos, the Minden Rotary Club continues to host bingos at the Minden Community Centre.

"There may have been some confusion when the Lions discontinued their bingos," said Rotary Club President Peter Rigby. "The Rotary bingos are usually held on long weekends so we don't depend strictly on local players. We get the cottagers and long weekend visitors."

The Rotary bingo organizers have responded to the smoking ban by having more frequent breaks to give smokers the chance to get out for a smoke. "By doing it that way, people seem to be a little more accepting," Rigby said.

One exception to the long weekend bingo is next weekend. The Rotary Club of Minden has its popular Turkey Bingo coming up on Sunday, December 7 at the Minden Community Centre. "We have 30 \$20 coupons for turkeys," Rigby said.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the first game slated for 7 p.m.



Matthew Walls/TIMES

Angel Tree

The Minden Pathfinders have set up their Angel Tree at TD Canada Trust this year. The object is to provide gifts for underprivileged youngsters in the area. The tree is adorned with angels on which are inscribed an age and gender. Donors pick an angel, buy a gift appropriate for a child of the specified age and gender, wrap it and place it under the tree for distribution before Christmas. The Pathfinders alternate between the two Minden banks. TD Financial Services Representative Robin Flood, left, and Manager of Customer Services Heike Roome show a couple of the angels.

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Eleven-year-old Kelsey Crowe had mother Shelly Crowe to care for her when she was sick with influenza-like symptoms and needed to stay home. The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 student is fortunate to have a mother who can take time off from her part-time job to care for her.

Minden not yet hit by the flu

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A few Minden area families have been keeping their children home from school because their children have contracted sore throats.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Principal Rick Thorne said the number of children out of school because of illness is not exceptional. "There is no huge detrimental effect," he said. Thorne said he believes the illness to be strep throat or other infections with sore throat symptoms rather than flu.

With the exception of one of the younger classes, Thorne said absenteeism in the school is minimal. "One or two kids [are absent] here and there," he said.

Thorne advises parents to keep children home if they exhibit signs of illness. "We want to make sure the children are rested and medicated if necessary so they get better as quickly as possible so they can get back to school," he said.

Dr. Jaan Roos of the Minden Medical Clinic said he has seen an average of one strep throat patient a week for the past few weeks as well as several people with viral infections. "That's not particularly unusual for this time of year," he said.

Lynn Johnston, Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said there have been no confirmed cases of influenza in Haliburton County that she is aware of. Doctors in both Minden and Haliburton have been dealing with cases of viral pharyngitis and strep throat, both of which have sore throat symptoms. Johnston explained that viral pharyngitis is caused by a virus while strep throat is a bacterial infection.

"Influenza is in the area," Johnston said. "People are concerned because a child died of influenza A in Peterborough."

The sore throat infections that have been keeping some children out of school over the past week or more is not influenza related, Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer

of Health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, explained. "We have had no reports of flu from Haliburton County yet," he confirmed, adding the caution, "It's only a matter of time."

Dr. Hukowich said frequent washing of hands is a good preventative measure to curb the spread of bacteria such as that which causes strep throat. "There is no down side to washing," he said.

Strep throat is easily treatable with antibiotics, he noted, but viral infections must run their course. Drinking plenty of fluids will help the process. He recommends seeing your physician if you have a sore throat. "Strep needs to be treated," he said.

With regard to the impending invasion of the flu from other areas, Dr. Hukowich said, "Make sure you get immunized. It's the best preventative medicine."

Dr. Bob Heyes, HHHS Chief of Staff, said there have been no increases in numbers of cases of strep throat. "We have no extraordinary numbers that I've heard of," he said. Sore throats are common year round. Strep throat, a bacterial illness, is more serious than viral types. Strep can be treated with antibacterial medication, while antibiotics have no affect on viral infections.

"It is a fever that gives away the fact that it is contagious," Dr. Heyes said. He added that 80 per cent of sore throats are caused by viruses.

To his knowledge, there have been no increases in the incidences of strep over what would be normally expected.

Dr. Heyes strongly recommends the flu vaccine to prevent a serious outbreak of influenza. He points out that the vaccine is very effective as a precautionary preventative measure. "It's a no-brainer as far as I'm concerned," he said. "You are significantly better off if you do. If we can immunize most of the public, it will help us all."

He explained that flu shots build up an immunity that transcends the individual, noting that if enough people get immunized, flu related illnesses won't circulate in the community as readily. "You can't get a virus from the vaccine," he stressed.

Symptoms and self-care of sore throat

The following information was gleaned from the web-site page:

<http://www.familydoctor.org/handouts/670.html>

There is no specific treatment for viral pharyngitis. Self-care measures include gargling with warm salt water (one half-teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water) several times a day, and taking anti-inflammatory drugs or medications such as acetaminophen, that control fever. Excessive use of anti-inflammatory lozenges or sprays may actually make sore throat worse.

It is important to avoid using antibiotics when a sore throat is due to a viral infection, as the antibiotics will not help, and such use of antibiotics contributes to antibiotic resistance in bacteria.

In some cases of sore throat (e.g., in infectious mononucleosis), the lymph nodes (glands) in the neck may become extremely swollen, and anti-inflammatory drugs such as prednisone may be needed to ease breathing and swallowing.

What is strep throat?

What are the signs of strep throat?

Strep throat is an infection caused by bacteria. It is called "strep" because the bacteria that causes the infection is called streptococcus.

Adults with strep throat may have a sore throat, a fever and swollen neck glands. They usually don't have a cough or a runny nose.

Children with strep throat have a sore throat and may have tummy pain or a red rash with small spots. The rash is worse under the arms and in skin creases.

How is strep throat treated?

Your doctor may give you or your child an antibiotic. Antibiotics kill bacteria, which helps strep throat go away a little faster. It can also prevent a few rare but serious conditions that people with strep throat might get. It is important to take all of the medicine your doctor gives you.

Dams are open to accommodate above-normal precipitation

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has continued with only a few short breaks scattered throughout the past three months.

"We've had three months of way above normal precipitation," he said. "It has been quite a few years since we experienced high water levels at this time of the year," Kitchen said. "We had similar conditions in 1995 and 1982."

Kitchen said the dams on Gull Lake are wide open.

The natural flow in the system is 20 cubic metres per second (CM/S). Flow gauges indicate the flow, as of last Thursday, was 50 CM/S. The ground is saturated, so even small amounts of rain run off instead of being absorbed.

Kitchen said that even if the weather breaks – either the rain stops or it freezes and precipitation is in the form of snow – it will take two weeks or longer for water levels to get back to normal for this time of year.

The high humidity also contributes to the high water levels, Kitchen pointed out. "With the high humidity there isn't as much evaporation," he said.

The water level in Kennisis Lake has peaked and appeared to be on the decline late last week. Kitchen noted that even a small amount of rain could keep the water levels high. He said all we can do is hope Mother Nature co-operates by giving us a break in the precipitation. A drop in temperature to below freezing would also offer some relief to the high water situation.



Matthew Walls/TIMES

Slippery when snowy

Friday's wet snowstorm sent several vehicles into the ditches. Fortunately, there were no reports of injuries. Here, a truck waits for assistance on Hwy. 21 Friday afternoon after skidding off the slick roadway.

Minden United Church hosts Blue Christmas

Christmas is coming! We look forward to everything those words suggest, the lights appearing on homes and shops, the excitement and anticipation we can share with children, and the arrival of Santa Claus. We love hearing again the familiar music and, most of all we enjoy the joy and peace and hope that Christmas brings.

Some of us like to step back from the noise and bustle, to remember Christmases past and the loved ones who made these days so special. Others fail to see the lights or to hear the music, the voices of children mean little and they do not find any of the joy or peace or hope. They are the ones who are grieving over the loss of a loved one, of a relationship or because they no longer have a job. For them Christmas is not a happy time.

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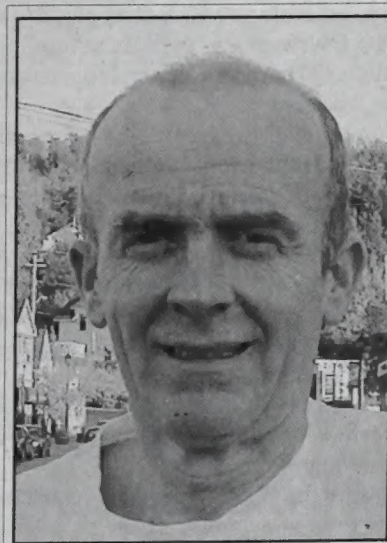
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It is with great interest that I will follow local political issues and events during the next three years. I intend to work harder in the next election and can only hope for your continued support.

Yours truly,
Brendan Berube
Minden and Gull Lake



Moffatt hired to oversee log chute restoration

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the November 20 Algonquin Highlands council meeting. The meeting began with a minute of silence in memory of John Stevens, a well-liked and respected roads employee who passed away a few weeks ago.

The woman who volunteered her time to do most of the background work required to attain SuperBuild funding to restore the historic Hawk Lake Log Chute has been hired to oversee the spending of that money.

Carol Moffatt and her husband Tony Aymong were chosen from several applicants for the project co-ordinator's job.

"We certainly will get the best bang for our buck," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "Carol's been with the project since day one and has all the information. They certainly are the couple for the job."

Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed, who worked with Moffatt when he was county council's representative on the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce board while she was the organization's marketing co-ordinator, also praised the choice.

"She's a dedicated person who will give you a 100 per cent job," he said.

Moffatt has recently resigned from the Chamber.

Fire report

In his year-end report, Fire Chief John Hogg said that motor vehicle accidents accounted for 44 per cent of the department's calls compared to 34 per cent for

fires, and 18 per cent for medical emergencies.

Since the fire department has always provided a first response program for medical emergencies, the new emergency tiered response program with the county's ambulance service has not affected the department's statistics or costs very much.

There were 10 structure fires, up from two the year before. Hogg said they were very lucky the year before to have so few fire calls.

The Huntsville Hopsital, which provides the dispatch service for the Dorset and Oxtongue Fire Departments would not agree to take on the service for Stanhope, which everyone thought was unfortunate.

Proposals will be invited from four companies to provide dispatch services for Stanhope only, keeping the two northern departments with Huntsville.

The department's new fire pumper truck is expected to arrive in April.

Buckslides

Eyebrows were raised when council approved a \$7,500 bill from its lawyer. The fee is part of council's legal costs in defending itself against a claim by Margot Collingham against public access to a section of Buckslides.

It's the third such bill council has received and the court case hasn't even begun.

A date has yet to be set; Bain said it should be in Minden.

Landfill tenders

Four tenders were received to manage the municipality's five landfills:

- Muskoka Environmental, \$18.59 an hour for a total of \$122,669

- Watson's General Contracting: \$11.25 an hour for a total of \$74,235

- Sawmill Creek Outdoor Services: \$12 an hour for a total of \$79,184

- Securitas, the current operator: \$13.06 an hour for a total of \$86,179

The tenders will be forwarded to a committee of Bain, Councillor Jim Hicks and Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone for study. Council will make its decision at its December 4 meeting.

Roads study

Two consultants will be approached to bid for the job of overseeing the township's tender for a roads need study.

Council decided to go ahead with the study to determine which roads have priority at budget time but felt it needed professional help in coming up with the terms of reference for the tender.

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Dorset tower

While visits to the Dorset Tower were slightly down because of SARS, West Nile and the blackout, tower co-ordinator Barb Kostenuk said the summer wasn't as bad as she had feared. "We seem to be in about the same position as most local

businesses," she said in her report to council.

Kostenuk says people have suggested the vehicle access fee be increased from \$2 but she leaves the decision to council.

From May to October the tower generated \$23,549 in access fees, \$3,670 in season's passes, \$1,500 from the viewing stations, \$828 in donations and \$24,941 from the retail kiosk for a total of \$54,558.

Meanwhile, Councillor Kerry Lock will meet with interested parties to discuss better signage for the Tower Trail to ensure people know what's public and private property.

Neighbouring landowners often have trouble with hikers going the wrong way.

Culvert work will also be discussed.

Communications

Council will determine how much load capacity it has on the Dorset Tower before agreeing to a request from Candlelight Communications to put equipment on the tower to allow it to expand its high speed internet service to the Dorset area.

It wants to ensure that by giving permission to Candlelight it is not jeopardizing future uses of the tower, such as communications equipment for 911. It also wants to make sure any equipment does not pose a safety hazard on the popular tourist destination.

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Nuisance Bear Committee conclusions miss the mark, hunters say

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The long-awaited report and recommendations of the Nuisance Bear Review Committee have been released and the reviews by the hunting community are not positive.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) was among the first to respond.

Dr. Terry Quinney, provincial manager of fish and wildlife services with the OFAH, says the Nuisance Bear Review Committee was mistaken when it said the cancellation of the spring bear hunt has no relationship to the increased number of nuisance bears.

"Most regrettably, people are being misled as a result," Quinney said.

The report states: "It is highly unlikely that the reduction in total harvest of black bears since the cancellation of the spring bear hunt in 1999 (approximately 1,550 animals per year or 1.5 to 2.1 per cent of the total provincial population) could have produced the dramatic increase in nuisance complaints that occurred in 2001. Results of this study do not support the hypothesis that a spring bear hunt controls, limits or reduces levels of nuisance activity in black bears."

The OFAH argues: "The facts are that MNR staff working

Darren Lum/TIMES



Bears such as this mother and cub, photographed at Stanhope's landfill site, are relatively common in the area.

for the committee did not investigate any relationships between the cancellation of the spring bear hunt and nuisance bear activity. They used an analysis which could not assess any such connections, but the graph they produced show a clear and undeniable linkage."

Citing a chart in the committee's report, Quinney said the number of nuisance bear calls the MNR fielded before the cancellation of the spring bear hunt was substantially lower than after the cancellation.

Figures for the Minden district lend credence to Quinney's claim. Nuisance bear calls to the Minden office of the MNR prior to the 1999 cancellation of the spring bear hunt averaged 30 to 40 per year, with peaks to about 70. In 1999, when the spring bear hunt was cancelled, nuisance bear calls

increased to 182. The years 2000 and 2001 saw the numbers go to 272 and 269, respectively.

In 2002, the MNR contracted agents to help deal with nuisance bears. The number of Ministry calls for that year was 284, while agents fielded another 30 calls for a total of 314.

This year was a record year for nuisance bear calls in the Minden district. The total number fielded by agents has not yet been recorded, but the Ministry took 360 calls by November 20.

Although the committee could find no connection between the cancellation of the spring bear hunt and the increase in nuisance bear complaints, it recommends "the partial re-instatement of the spring black bear hunt for

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Hunters say facts justify renewal of hunt

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socio-economic reasons, but under strict conditions."

The proposed conditions include mandatory training for hunters and outfitters before black bears may be hunted in the spring. "The course should provide hunters with the tools to readily distinguish male and female black bears," the report recommends. With that implemented, it recommends a male-only harvest with harsh penalties for anyone who kills a female bear in the spring.

Mandatory hunting over suspended baits is suggested so the hunter is provided with the best opportunity to correctly determine the sex of the bears. Mandatory reporting and submission of teeth from all bears harvested, as well as proof of sex of the harvested animal.

One recommendation that doesn't sit well with local hound hunters is the "no use of dogs" provision if the spring bear hunt is re-instated. The committee said the use of dogs in the spring has the potential to "disrupt family groups."

The president of the Ontario Bear Hound Association (OBHA), is not pleased with the report. But Bob Fraser isn't particularly concerned. "From what I understand, the Minister isn't paying too much attention to it."

Several of the committee's recommendations don't make sense to Fraser. "I can't see why they are concerned about male bears only," he said. "They were supposed to deal with nuisance bear problems and they are not solving those problems. They have gone way beyond their scope."

Fraser said the spring bear hunt should be reinstated as it was. To paraphrase an adage, he said, "It wasn't broke, so why to fix it."

Fraser said the committee's recommendation to ban the use of hounds if the spring bear hunt is reinstated is one step on the road to banning all types of hunting with dogs, including bird dogs. "It's a case of a small group trying to dictate how we live," he said. "There's nothing to back up their no hunting with dogs theory."

With regard to the proposal to make it mandatory for all hunters and outfitters to take course on identifying the difference between male and female bears, Fraser said, "If you were an American hunter, you would never come to Ontario two days early so you could take a course. They would go to

Quebec or Manitoba instead."

Fraser said he is confident the new natural resources minister will give the nuisance bear situation serious consideration before making any decisions.

Doug Macnab of Kinmount has been hunting and guiding bear hunters for 20 years. He says there are several flaws in the report. He doesn't believe restricting hunting to male bears is feasible. He doesn't believe anyone, especially a new hunter who hasn't experienced several seasons afield, can be taught in a classroom how to positively identify bears from sows.

"I'm a seasoned hunter and I've seen literally thousands of bears," he said, "and I wouldn't bet that I could be 100 per cent sure every time. You can tell the difference between a buck and a doe, but this is different. The best way to make a positive identification is to put it up a tree."

He questions the logistics of such a course, especially as it pertains to hunters from outside Ontario. "How are U.S. hunters going to get the course?"

Like Fraser, Macnab believes the committee overstepped the terms of its mandate by recommending changes in both the fall and spring seasons. "I'm not 100 per cent sure where they came up with that mandate," he said. "What they did do was clearly state that we need a spring bear hunt."

As a hound hunter, Macnab is extremely disappointed that the committee suggested banning the use of hounds during the spring hunt, if it is reinstated.

"I'm appalled," Macnab said. "It's a slap in the face to houndsmen." He said the only component the committee proposed to eliminate from a reinstated spring hunt is hound hunting.

"We're a small group of dedicated hunters," he said. "We don't have a significant impact on the bear population. It's all about hunting, not about killing."

Walter Griffin is a Minden area bear hunter and guide of about 20 years. He doesn't hunt bears with hounds but he says he disagrees with the suggestion to ban dogs during the spring. He also disagrees with a shortened season or special protection for all sows. He does adamantly oppose shooting lactating sows.

"I've been guiding and hunting bears for 20 years and I've never had a hunter shoot a lactating sow," he said. "It has

always been an unwritten law among hunters that lactating sows are never shot. We lived by that code long before the Ministry made it law."

Regarding hounds breaking up family units, Griffin said when bears are chased with hounds, the cubs invariably go up a tree to safety and a sow would have no problem finding them again when the chase is over.

Mandatory courses in bear sex identification are not the answer, Griffin says. He sees no reason for protecting non-lactating sows. "We have a plethora of bears," he said. "If there was any concern that the bear population was in jeopardy it would be different, but the bear population has always been stable and now it's increasing rapidly."

With the increasing population of black bears, encounters with humans are also increasing. In many cases, nuisance bears are shot and although it is mandatory to report such kills, speculation is that only a small fraction are actually reported.

"I'm delighted they are considering reinstating the spring bear hunt," he said, noting that it would not only help ease the nuisance bear problem but also be a boon to the economy.

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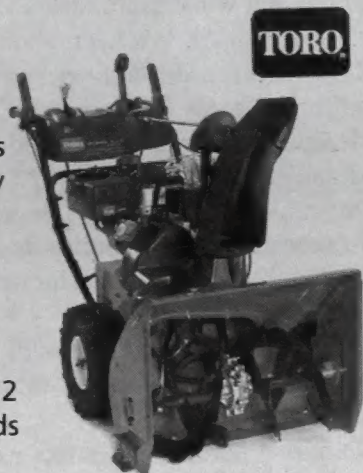
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Evening meetings

Should Minden Hills council change at least one of its two monthly meetings to the evening to make life easier for a newly elected member of council? Not necessarily.

Should the municipality's elected representatives hold at least one meeting a month in the evening to give all of the people who elected them an opportunity to attend if they so desire? Absolutely.

Should they have some consideration for current and future councillors who are still members of the workforce and/or operate businesses during the day? Once again, the answer is affirmative.

At the start of the last term, Minden Hills council held evening meetings once a month on a trial basis for the first three or four months. Few, if any, interested taxpayers attended, so council decided to move both meetings to daytime. The rationale was that nobody (almost nobody?) showed up for the meetings anyway so they went with what the majority felt was more convenient.

The fact that little interest was shown isn't the point. The point should be making council accessible to the public. If the public chooses not to take advantage, at least the opportunity would be provided.

One argument used to support the move to all daytime meetings was the cost of overtime to have employees attend the meetings. A little juggling of schedules, allowing those whose presence is required at meetings to come to work later on the days when evening meetings take place should do the trick. Failing that, time off in lieu of time worked in the evening should satisfy union requirements.

Not all members of council are retired. Those who work and operate businesses should have the option of attending one meeting a month without having to take time off work or away from their businesses. They ran for office because they felt they had something to contribute – skills, experience, energy... Obviously the voters who elected them agreed.

It has been said before that if we want to attract council members from a cross-section of our community we should be prepared to make it easier for them to attend meetings. Working people, with the exception of some who are self employed, would find it difficult to get time off to attend meetings if they were all held during the daytime. Should they be automatically eliminated from the talent pool?

We're not opposed to seniors taking a leading role in the governance of our municipality. In fact we're grateful for the wisdom gained from their accumulated life and work experiences.

A good council, however, should be balanced by younger people who look at things from a different perspective. A cross-section of demographics is a good thing. It ensures issues are examined from all angles and decisions are made after considering the needs and wishes of as many of the people in the community as possible.

This editorial may not be popular with staff members of the newspaper. In most cases they would prefer daytime meetings, especially when meetings are near deadline. But in the interest of good government, sacrifices must be made.

We hope the new council will see the merit in offering the opportunity for input from all community members, whether or not they choose to take advantage.

On a final note, congratulations to those who were successful in the municipal election. Your success is a reflection of the confidence the electorate has shown in your abilities. We hope the next three years will be interesting and rewarding, and we look forward to some interesting and lively dialogue at your meetings.

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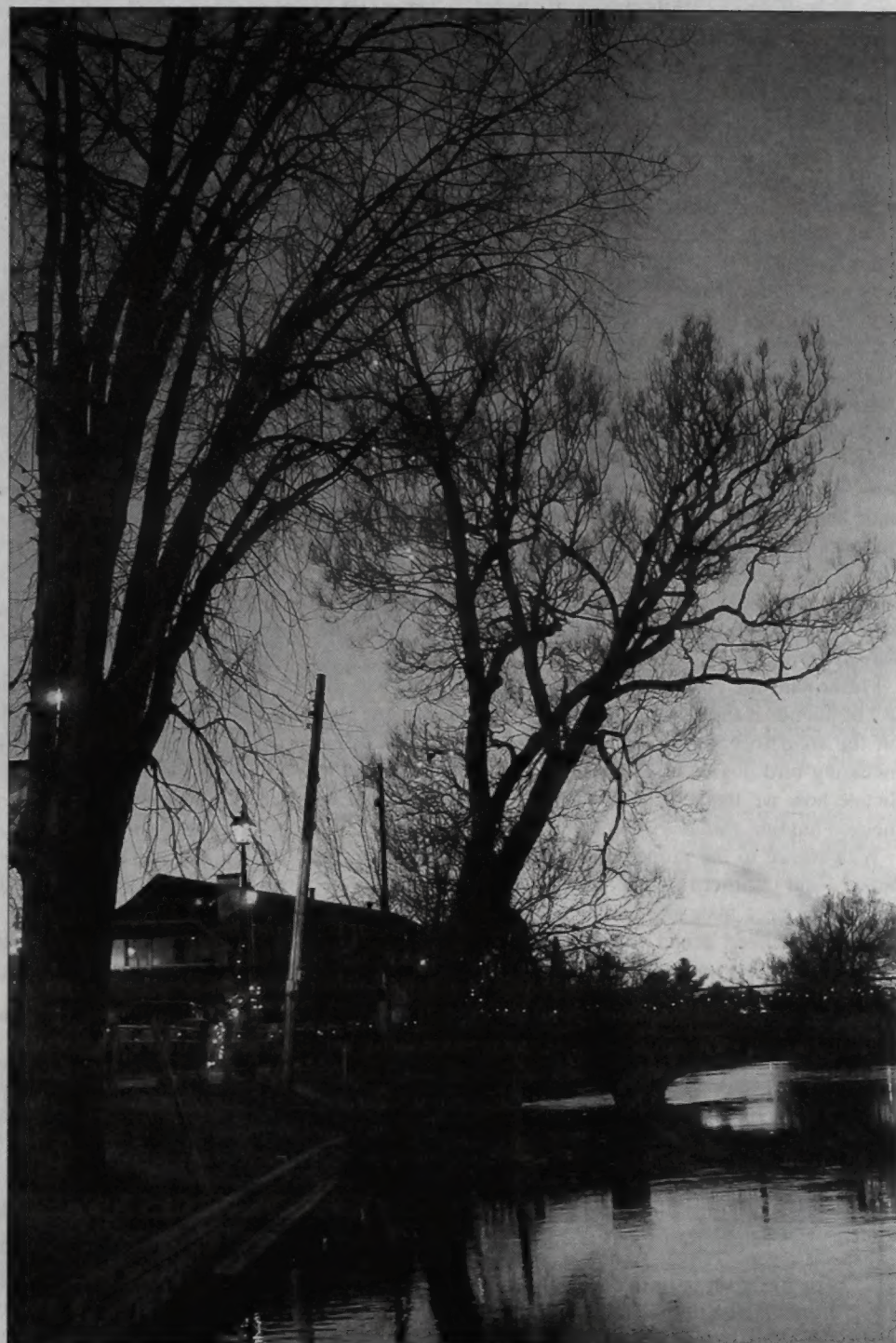
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Meeting times should be convenient to ratepayers

To the Editor:

A Nov. 24 letter cuts to the chase on the issue of meeting times for Minden Hills council. Sheila Redpath describes standing for elected office, as Clayton Cameron did, as "applying for a job."

Silly me! I had the idea that running for and holding office was the highest expression of our democratic ideals and that a councillor's seat should be open to anybody who can attract a sufficient number of votes from his or her peers.

I had the foolish idea that we should aspire to make our political system as inclusive as possible, to include employed people and small businesspeople who have to be at work in the daytime in the process. It turns out, the argument seems to be, only the retired, the unemployed or well-established businessmen are eligible; school teachers and loggers and retail

workers need not apply.

For that matter, daytime meetings also tend to exclude from attendance those of us whose daytime lives require us to be other places, like at work. In particular, they exclude younger working men and women with families who have such a large stake in the township's future.

Unless I am mistaken, Mr. Cameron is the only employed person on a council governing an electorate consisting mostly of people who work for somebody else. His presence makes council just a little less unrepresentative than it has been.

Advocates of the status quo argue that night meetings generate overtime expenses for those staffers who have to be on hand. Night meetings wouldn't cost anything in overtime if staffers were given compensating time off—a three-day

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Another Holly-weird tale

I used to think that we held some sort of vast intellectual superiority over the French, simply because we had evolved past the Jerry Lewis stage. But this whole Michael Jackson scandal has got me thinking that I ought to trade my baseball cap for a beret.

Every news channel and Web site I visit has commentary and footage of the King of Pop in handcuffs and people seem genuinely surprised that Jackson got caught with a white-gloved hand in the wrong place. It's all you hear and frankly, I'd rather sit through a mime festival. Look, I'll concede that Jackson may well be as innocent as he proclaims but let's face it, this is a guy with a slight credibility problem. He still only grudgingly admits that he's dabbled in plastic surgery, which is sort of like saying that Liberace might not have been butch.

If there's a bright side to all of this, however, it was the mug shot. Jackson stared into the camera with a shock of

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hair hanging over one eye just so, his penciled-in eyebrows were arched and, like most mug shots, the lighting and makeup were superb. In fact his publicist will likely earn some industry award for his efforts.

And pardon me for comparing us to the French once again, but as Michael looked woefully into the camera, he wore a look befitting a mime artist who's discovered that his bicyclette has just blown a chain. The message was as plain as the nose on his face - okay, bad example - but it seemed like he was trying to say that there he was, being unfairly persecuted again just



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Steve Galea

for sleeping with young boys.

Yea, I know he claims total innocence but you think he might have learned a thing or two since last time.

And what about the parents? As much as I don't mind losing my own kids for a weekend, I'm thinking that the

flags might have been raised if the offer to take them off my hands came from a reclusive, androgynous, single, 45-year-old crotch-grabber who

spends an inordinate amount of time dressing up a chimpanzee. And even if I totally discounted the last set of allegations I'd still be concerned over the chances of the kids being held over bal-

conies, kicked by llamas or falling into the cryogenic chamber. Call me nervous but when the limo came for the kids I guess I'd take one last long look just in case they came back with a different nose.

It's not like Michael Jackson is the only weird celebrity in town. If he's busy you could always let the kids go to dinner and a movie with PeeWee Herman or how about an anger management course with Liza Minnelli or Zsa Zsa Gabor. Why not a pool party at Tommy Lee's? Is it me or are all of our cultural icons slightly weird? I've really got to wonder what Dr. Phil would have to say about all of this.

Sure the King of Pop claims he's done wrong but why would anyone put themselves in that position? Maybe it's all about blackmail and extortion as he claims; maybe the kid was lying and the whole sleep-over thing was innocent. Maybe, but if Michael thinks that this is normal he must be living in Neverland.

Games people play

Don't get me wrong, I like Frankie. I meet him downtown a couple of times a week for a coffee and we have good chats - sorta. The truth is, Frankie is a bit of a wet blanket. The original Eeyore. His name should really be Gus. As in Gloomy.

Yesterday, I hauled up a stool next to him at the coffee shop, gritted my teeth, forced my lips into a rictus smile and said with as much enthusiasm as I could muster, "How's it goin' Frankie?"

"Oh, same old, same old" he moans. "There's nothing to do in this town."

Well, I snapped. Came undone. Went postal.

"Nothing to do?" I shrieked, "Whaddya mean there's nothing to do? Have you thought of seeing how many somersaults you can do between here and Fulford Harbour? How about lashing a rope to the bumper of a firetruck and seeing how far you can pull it? Or if it's a cardiovascular workout you want, why not pogo-stick up the inside stairwell of the CN Tower?"

Frankie was getting nervous now, edging towards the exit. "Yeah," he said, "those are all really good ideas. Well, look at the time, willya. I gotta go."

Frankie thinks I'm nuts, but in fact I was just reciting some of the routine ploys people have performed to get their name in the latest edition of the Guinness Book of Records.

The Reverend Kevin Fast (5-foot-nine, 270 pounds) of Cobourg, Ontario is in there for pulling a 30-ton Goliath fire truck 100 feet using only a rope.

And a New York health food store manager by the name of Ashrita Furman is the guy who pogo-sticked up the CN Tower stairwell AND somersaulted continuously for a distance of 12 miles, 390 yards.

Truth to tell, Furman is a record-setting legend. In fact he holds the Guinness record for being in the Guinness Book of Records - 72 entries in total, all of them mind-boggling.

It's amazing what some people will do to get attention - and it's not always a slot in the Guinness Book of Records they're after. A couple of months ago, a British artist by the name of Mark McGowan

wanted to bring public attention to the problem of student debt. Did he write a letter to the editor? No. Did he don a sandwich board and picket the Ministry of Education offices? No. Did he strip down to his skivvies and call a press conference? No. What he did is roll a peanut from his studio in southeast London all the way to the front door at Number Ten Downing Street. With his nose.

McGowan spent eight hours a day and most of the month of September schnozz-bunting his peanut along the sidewalks of

London. When he got there McGowan handed the (other) nut over to an official along with a letter asking Prime Minister Tony

Blair to accept it as payment in full for his student loan.

Yeah, that should work, Mark.

Sometimes the inspiration for oddball pranks is decidedly spiritual. A Buddhist priest in Japan by the name of Genshin Fujinami has spent three months (actually, 100 consecutive days) of each of the past

seven years, rising at midnight and running 18 miles, pausing 250 times along the way to pray. And no Lycra body suits and Nike runners for this marathon monk - he did it wearing only a robe and straw sandals. Total distance covered in seven years: 24,800 miles.

Fujinami's ordeal is, believe it or not, a Japanese tradition dating back to 1885. In the past century and a bit, hundreds of monks have tried to duplicate Fujinami's feat. Only 46 have made it.

What is it that drives people to such behavioural extremes? A craving for fame in many cases - but not always. Ashrita Furman, the dean of goofy gambits, says "The Guinness Records are silly in and of themselves, but they give me an opportunity to meditate and learn things about myself, about endurance."

They can also teach you the importance of doing your homework. Last month, a Californian by the name of Jim Hager set a world record for eating M&M candies with chopsticks. He picked off 115 of the slithery little goodies in three minutes.

Alas, the judges at Guinness Record disqualified Hager. The original record had been set with Smarties.



ARTHURBLACK

Columnist

Electors should be able to attend meetings

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weekend once a month might do the trick. All that would change would be the days they were away from their desks.

A second argument is that past experiments with evening meetings failed to increase public attendance. The democratic ideal is that electors should be able to attend; getting them to attend is a separate issue.

No matter what time meetings are held, the new council should make it a mission to get more people interested in the elected body whose decisions most affect their daily lives.

That means having meetings when both politicians and rate payers can attend them and making sure the public knows when they are being held and what is likely to be discussed.

A municipality that can find a million plus dollars for a new building should be able to find a thousand plus to buy some newspaper ads or post some handbills; that's a small price to pay for democracy.

Neil Campbell
Big Bob Lake

Family of accident victim grateful for support from local community

To the Editor:

The family of the Late Shaun Chapman thank God above for

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Red Hawk rally not quite enough

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The HHSS junior boys basketball team came up short at home in the second tournament game.

It was a comeback that didn't get completed as the Fenelon Falls Falcons were able to hold on in the final minute.

After the half, the Red Hawks were down by eight points, but they came out like a team possessed. Their passing was crisp and each member of the team were hustling for the loose balls, winning possession. Numerous Falcons turnovers resulted in points for the home team which were caused mainly by passing lanes being plugged up and the extra hustle shown by the Red Hawks.

HHSS guards were dribbling well, penetrating past their defenders and finding the open man under the bucket for easy shots.

As the minutes ticked by the home crowd were anticipating a comeback, groaning after each miss. The eight-point deficit at the half was hewn to two points when there was 6:26 left in the game. The score was 23-21.

Little changed as the game wore on. With less than a minute left in the game, the Falcons continued to lead by two points. They maintained possession content to just



Junior guard Zachary Joanu flies past a Fenelon Falcon player and scores a basket with a lay-up.



Darren Lum/TIMES

HHSS senior forwards Ross Gerry, left, and Brad Mickle wait for their guard to move the ball into the offensive zone during the second half of their second game during the Red Hawks Tip Off Classic.

pass the ball and force the Red Hawks into fouling to stop the clock. After a series of fouls committed by the Red Hawks, the Falcons were sent to the line for two shots which they converted to extend the lead to four points with only 39 seconds left and a 31-27 lead.

A glimmer of hope shone when Red Hawks guard Zachary Joanu stole the ball and ran the floor and passed to an open teammate. Unfortunately, even after a few chances at the hoop, three different Red Hawks couldn't convert the turnover into an immediate score until a player was fouled. He shot one of two, bringing the deficit down to three points. Upon the Falcons possession, the

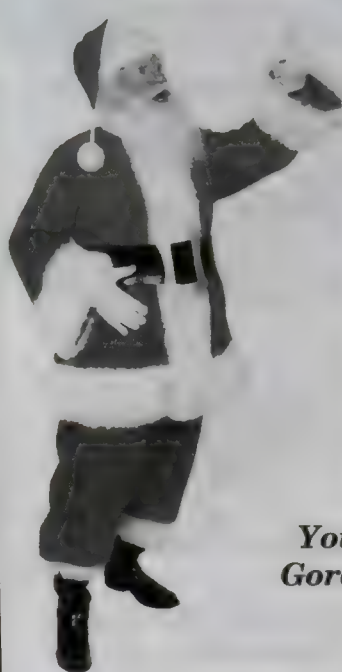
Red Hawks stole the ball and were given a last chance to tie. Setting up for a three pointer, the Red Hawks ran the ball to the top of the three point arc and swung a pass out to the baseline, inside the three point arc, where an open Red Hawks player took the pass. He went for the easy deuce rather than step back, but missed. The Falcons rebounded and took it down the court for the final possession of the game.

The Falcons killed the rest of the game off with their passing and closed out the game when they were fouled by shooting two-of-two free throws, closing out the game 33-28.

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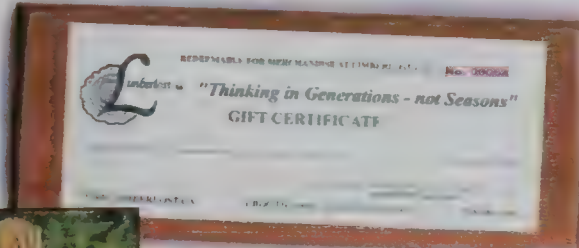
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Bantams' loss a lesson about retaliation

by SHARON WALKER
Special to The Times

The Friendly Flyers fans left the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena screaming (literally), overwhelmed by their team's win over the Peppermill Bantam A hockey team.

From the first drop of the puck the Storm fans knew it was going to be a hard hitting, tense game.

The visiting Flyers notched the first goal but Devin Hunter broke out and scored the equalizer. Both teams played aggressive, tight checking hockey to keep the score tied at 1-1 through the second period.

Storm forward Joe Gallagher scored on a rebound from a Steve Miscio slap-shot from the point. Two minutes later the Flyers got back on even terms.

The Storm spent most of the third period short-handed and the Flyers capitalized for the win. The Storm learned from the experience that it doesn't pay to retaliate.

A rematch is scheduled for December 2 in Haliburton at 7:30 p.m. The Storm fans can look forward to an exciting game.



Valu-Mart Bonspiel winners

Sixteen teams from the Minden and Haliburton Curling Clubs competed in the annual Valu-Mart Mixed Curling Bonspiel on November 18 in Minden. Top honours went to the Minden team skipped by Bruce Fisher. Club President of the Daytime Curling section Rod Mabley, right, congratulates team members (l to r) Mickey Bonham, Diana Spicer, Bruce Fisher and Gord Sheehan.

MINDEN LANES

Monday Night Mixed Nov. 17

High average: Scott Moore 234; Cathy Snell; High single: Al Eskelin 264; Rawn Lougheed 210; High triple: Rick West 653; Michelle Moore 613; High single (handicap): Joe Cox 292; Sue Eskelin 260; High triple (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 709; Maxine Kent 673

Pickles & Melons 7 def. Mixed Veggies 0; Pork & Beans 4 def. 4 Peas & 2 Pods 3; Bean Sprouts 7 def. Couch Potatoes 0;

Tuesday Night Mixed Nov 18

High average: Walt Stegmaier 235; Cathy Snell 239; High single: Norm Goldenberg 291;

Anne Franke 173; High triple: Walt Stegmaier 768; Donna West 450; High single (handicap): Ed Graham 300; Trish Bormanis 241; High triple (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 768; Trish Bormanis 669

The Spare Peas 4 def. Fruit Cock and Tails 3; Banana Splits 7 def. Lovely Bunch of Coconuts 0; Apple Dumpling Gang 5 def Boyz n Berry 2

Legion 636 Mixed League November 17

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191; Leitha Stearns 149; High single: Tom Foster 262; Bea James 160; High triple: Tom Foster 620; Pat Roussel 437; High single (handicap): Tom Foster 304; Bea James 242; High triple (handicap): Tom Foster 758; Bea James 672

CARNVARVON LANES

Tuesday Afternoon League, November 25

High average: Ken Thompson 214; Lillian Mattsson 182
High single: Ken Thompson 264; Lillian Mattsson 217
High single (handicap): Ken Thompson 274; Jean Hollobon 276
High triple: Ken Thompson 675; Lillian Mattsson 618
High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 705; Jean Hollobon 740

Wednesday Afternoon League, Nov. 26

High average: Ken Thompson 213; Carol Snow 165; Jean Pugh 165
High single: Ken Thompson 244; Jean Pugh 205
High single (handicap): Rudy Crosschad 290; Myra Marshall 258

High triple: Ken Thompson 624; Myra Marshall 548

High triple (handicap): Rudy Crosschad 744; Myra Marshall 722

Winners of hi's and low competition: Myra Marshall and Norma Terro; Vern Stout and Jan Comrie; Fred Phipps and Betty Ablett

Thursday Afternoon League, November 27

High average: Merv Bunker 190; Josie Cheesman 197

High single: Merv Bunker 225; Josie Cheesman 221

High single (handicap): Gord Maclean 258; Joyce Chilton 261

High triple: Merv Bunker 570; Josie Cheesman 593

High triple (handicap): Gord Maclean 727; Joyce Chilton 742

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There will be an Elvis sighting at the Minden IGA this Saturday when Joe Fisher helps The King gather donations for the Food Bank's Christmas hamper drive.

Darren Lum/TIMES



Elvis turns into Santa Claus for the Food Bank

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Joe Fisher, a.k.a. Elvis, will be at the Minden IGA on Saturday, December 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. to help drum up donations for the food bank. Fisher, er, Elvis will be performing some of his traditional Christmas standards as he mingles with the Saturday afternoon shoppers, encouraging them to support the food bank.

"I always admired Elvis for his generosity," Fisher said.

"He always tried to help people."

Fisher said boxes for donations of non-perishable food items will be set up in the store.

"I will have a cordless mike and I'll follow people down the aisles to make sure they know what the boxes are for," he says, feeling good about doing something for his new home community.

"I'm trying to get everyone in the Christmas mood," he said. "I'm going to have fun."

The newly transplanted musician, whose credits include

a stint with Herman's Hermits, has already made a splash in the community, playing to a standing-room-only crowd at the Dominion Hotel. That show was so popular, he has been booked to do New Year's Eve at the Dominion.

"I never do a show twice the same," Fisher said. His repertoire includes about 20 popular performers.

In addition to the Minden IGA, Fisher will be doing similar shows in support of food banks at the Haliburton Valu-mart on Saturday, December 13 and at the Minden Valu-mart December 14, both from 1 to 3 p.m.

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County councillors give themselves a raise

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Saying that they were the second-lowest paid politicians in the province, county councillors agreed to increase their annual salary to \$7,500.

The warden's salary will remain at \$15,000 but it was felt that the seven councillors should get half of that amount because of their increased workload and responsibility.

County councillors previously earned a base salary of \$4,800. That salary is for two days of meetings a month. Both councillors and the warden are also paid a per diem amount for other meetings and 35 cents a kilometre in travel compensation.

The total pay for council was \$68,000 a year. Five counties of similar size average \$90,000 a year. Wednesday's decision will add \$18,900 to Haliburton County's costs.

The salary cannot be changed during the county's three-year term but will be reviewed at the end of each term.

"Is this retroactive," joked Sherborne et al Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed who was defeated in the municipal election.

"I'll support that," quipped outgoing Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner.

In the debate before the vote Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that in the past he led the charge to keep the salaries low. However, since county council reduced its size from 21 members to eight through township amalgamations, the

workload has increased three to four times "if you read your packages [compiled about the issues to be discussed] and spend the time to make informed decisions."

As well, if the salary continued to be so low, "Why would anyone in business or a younger person get involved [with county politics]. They could not afford to leave their occupation [to attend meetings.]"

Warden Ross Rigney agreed. "You can't get young people to run because it affects their incomes too much."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon and Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis are the only county councillor who aren't retired.

"If my wife wasn't my partner in business I couldn't afford to hire someone so I could be

here all day and attend committee meetings," McMahon said. He also supported the increase because "We're the lowest paid and the last to do everything. We never seem to take the lead role."

"We're not here for the money but we should be compensated for our time. Every six months there's something new."

Although remuneration was on the council agenda, at the beginning of the meeting Warden Ross Rigney moved it to the closed session because an individual (the warden) was to be identified.

However, when the item was reached on the agenda, Rigney said he had been wrong in his initial decision. The discussion was therefore held in the open council meeting.

*You can't get
young people to run
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ROSS RIGNEY



Martha Perkins/TIMES

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Tis the season

With the help of Betty Mills and Catherine Kellett, the Messiah Choir heralded the arrival of a new season of Christmas concerts. Last weekend's performance at the Northern Lights Pavilion was both joyful and uplifting. This Sunday the Highlands Wind Symphony performs at the Pavilion at 3 p.m. with the Haliburton County Children's Choir taking to the stage the next week.

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County vows to lower tax rate

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Although increased property values could put a lot more money into the county's coffers, county councillors did not let out a whoop of joy when treasurer Laura Janke outlined the potential revenue.

If county council keeps its tax rate the same, the increased assessment could garner an additional \$1-million for the county alone, she said.

However, Janke added, it's up to local governments "to keep these tax rates reduced. We have to be careful not to consider [the increased assessment as] a windfall."

County councillors agreed. They expressed a commitment to lowering the tax rate so that those property owners whose assessment has jumped dramatically will not see their tax bills skyrocket.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that this year the county did take advantage of some of the increased assessment to add to its budget but that they could not continue doing this.

"We have to be prudent," he said.

As of June 2003 overall assessments have gone up 16 per cent compared to two years ago. Residential property owners are bearing the brunt of the recent market value re-assessment.

When setting a budget, county council looks at how much it has to spend and how much assessment it has to work with. It then comes up with the multiplying factor, or tax rate.

For instance, if the county must raise \$1-million through taxation and properties in the county have a total assessed value of \$100-million, the tax rate is the amount you multiply the \$100-million by to come

up with \$1-million.

If the new assessment was multiplied by this year's tax rate, the county would have an additional \$1-million to spend. But since much of that extra income would be due to assessment increases rather than growth, that means most property owners would simply be paying more in taxes.

ATVs on roads

CAO Gary King would like input from the four municipalities before county council debates whether to open up county roads for ATVs.

For instance, if Dysart et al doesn't want to allow ATVs on its municipal roads, and would also like to keep them off county roads in the municipality, he'd want that to be known before the county makes a decision.

The Haliburton ATV Association has presented municipalities and the county with a list of sections of roads that it would like opened to provide links between trails used by ATVs. Under new provincial legislation, municipalities can agree to or deny this request, or, like Algonquin Highlands, agree to open all municipal roads.

Housing good news

Seniors with low incomes can now apply for assisted housing when they are 60 instead of waiting until they are 65.

As well, new social service rules will allow people to stay in assisted housing when their financial situation improves. Instead of having to leave an assisted housing facility when they no longer need a subsidy, their rent will be adjusted to their income.

Staffing

Jane Tousaw has been hired to replace Lois Warburton, who is retiring as the county's land division secretary.

Tousaw has worked for Lutterworth township and is currently working for Lanark. Her job title has been changed to development services officer to reflect the new responsibilities of dealing with the county's first official plan.

Bob English's job title has been changed from manager to director of emergency services for the county EMS. Haliburton paramedic Larry Hartin was promoted to become his non-union operations assistant. Paramedic Ian Douglas has been promoted to take on Hartin's old responsibility as duty officer.

Insurance

The county was warned that a big insurance hike may be on its way.

In the past five years, the county has paid \$200,000 in premiums but its insurance company has had to pay out \$500,000 in claims. Most of the claims were from lawsuits over traffic accidents: there was also a claim filed after the county office was broken into.

"They'll be looking for an increase," said King, adding that there have been additional claims since these numbers came in. "We haven't had a good clear record."

Council agreed to stick with its current insurance provider, Jardine, instead of putting it out to tender. After September 11 2001 there were fears that insurance costs would skyrocket if it went to a new provider.

Break-in solved

A Hamilton man was sentenced to five years in prison for a string of break-ins, including the one at the county office last winter. He was found with a variety of computer equipment from the thefts.

The county has invested in a more complex alarm system since the thief was able to by-pass its old system.

Connect Haliburton looking for support

County council agreed to commit \$311,000 to bringing broadband technology to the county, saying the county can't afford to be left behind the technological revolution.

"If we don't go ahead with this we might as well close the doors [to the county,]" Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said at Wednesday's county council meeting.

The total Connect Haliburton project will cost \$6-million; Connect Haliburton is currently drafting a federal funding application to provide a large chunk of that amount.

There are various partners willing to commit funds to the project such as Fleming College, which has promised \$411,000, and a partnership between W3 Connect and Expertech (Bell Canada). They have committed \$1.3-million.

However, Haliburton Highlands Health Services pulled out of the partnership, saying it didn't have the money.

Rather than risk the project stalling because of lack of funds, county council agreed to pick up the HHHS's share, which was \$137,038.

Meanwhile, the deadline for community support letters has been extended. Groups or individuals wanting to help persuade the federal government to provide the funding have until December 15 to submit their letters to the county office.

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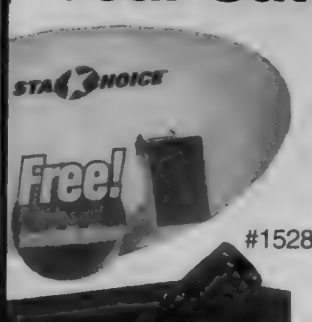
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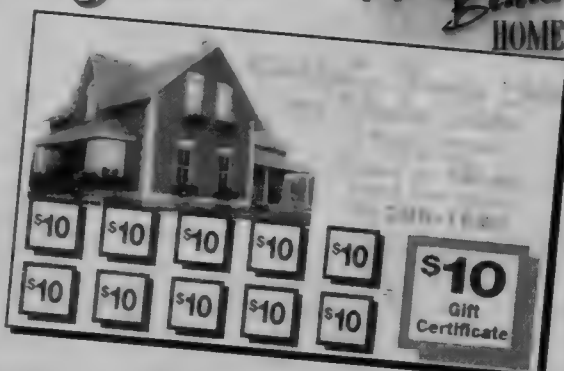
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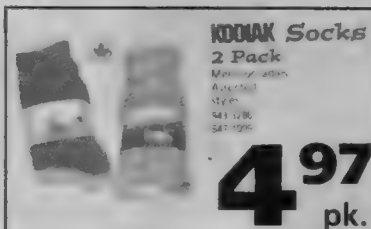
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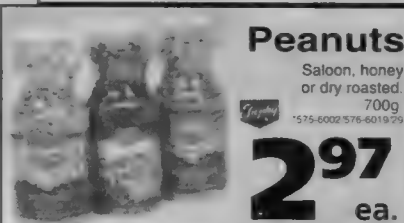
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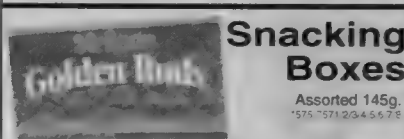
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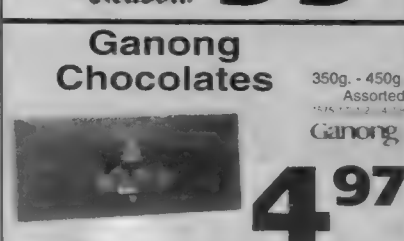
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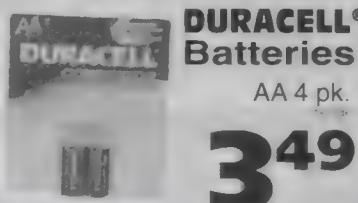
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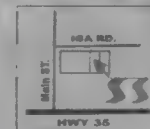
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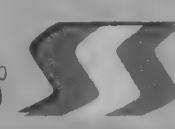
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Logging operations investigated as new bylaw passes

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Four logging operations have commenced without the proper procedures being followed and the county has hired its former tree cutting bylaw enforcement officer to investigate them.

Torben Michalsen left the county in October to take a forestry job in the private sector but has been working Saturdays to help the county until his replacement can start working.

Under the old and new bylaws, logging operations involving more than 10 acres must first be filed with the county. In at

least four instances since Michalsen left, this procedure has not been followed, county council learned on Wednesday. The county was notified of the cuts by private individuals and lake associations.

Michalsen tried to find the people responsible but since his investigation corresponded with hunting season he did not have much luck. Logging had been suspended for a few weeks and he was unable to talk to the people involved.

He will continue to try to meet with the loggers at the four sites.

Later in the meeting, council agreed to hire a young man from Highlands East, Adam Barkovitz, to replace Michalsen.

Barkovitz has been getting his forestry degree at Lakehead University while working at various forestry jobs. It was felt his knowledge about forestry and his conciliatory personality made him the best choice.

"I think he'll do an excellent job," said Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman.

Meanwhile, county councillors stressed that the purpose of the new tree-cutting bylaw, which it passed on Wednesday, was not enforcement.

"It's not about stopping work, it's about sustainable forestry," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"We've come up with pretty sound rec-

ommendations," Warden Ross Rigney said. "The success of this new bylaw will be communication."

Rigney also praised the process of formulating the new bylaw, noting that meetings were well advertised and attended and that the county took many of the loggers' concerns into consideration when drafting the new bylaw.

CAO Gary King said that few loggers have been taking advantage of the fact that the county is without a bylaw officer but the majority have been very sincere in wanting to follow the rules. There have been nine logging operations filed with the county since Michalsen left.



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Home-building goes green at workshop

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

Judging windspeed by the bent of a tree or the density of black flies were two of the more naturalistic tips at a workshop on wind and solar energy at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery on November 13.

The workshop, led by Shon Sorenson of the Kortright Centre for Conservation, was a primer on how to equip your house or cottage with either or both energy sources.

About 100 local home owners and Sir Sandford Fleming College students attended the workshop, which was held by the college as part of its 'Building Green' workshop day. Also being held concurrently to the workshop was the 9th annual Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Conference at the Frost Centre, running from Nov. 13 to the 15.

At Thursday's workshop, Sorenson told the audience that Ontario is well-placed to benefit from solar energy, since it receives enough sunlight to charge batteries but not too much to overheat them.

It is as not as ideally-suited for wind power, as the average wind speed in Ontario is only 15 km/hr. A wind turbine usually begins generating power at 11 km/hr.

However, wind speed varies greatly depending on elevation and location, and for a cottage owner who conserves energy, a windspeed of 15 km/hr is still sufficient for their needs, Sorenson said.

The most common type for residential uses is a 400 watt unit, which typically costs about \$2,500 to install, Sorenson said. The CNE wind turbine in Toronto apparently cost \$1.2 million, and its 25 metre long blade rotates at approximately 55 to 60 km/hr.

The turbine has only a three-year warranty, as opposed to a solar panel that usually has a warranty of 20 years.

The turbine's mount, however, should last 25 years,

Sorenson said, adding that you can get your money back after 12 years.

Sorenson advised potential users to install their turbine at least 10 metres above the treeline and 100 metres away from obstacles. He said location is critically important: "You need flat, racing wind atop the trees."

While Sorenson's talk mostly kept to the basics, he did field questions on more complex subjects such as 'net metering,' which is an experimental process that involves selling an individual's energy surplus to a grid.

When asked by an audience member on the state of solar and wind power in Ontario, Sorenson said he liked what he saw: "The pressure is building in Ontario."

Sorenson said Ontario has set itself the goal of having 100,000 homes powered by solar energy within five years.

However, he also said there are still no government incentives to use either energy source. Earlier on, Sorenson noted, to the apparent dismay of the audience, that the three solar panel manufacturers - Seaman's (recently bought by Shell), British Petroleum and Sharp - are all owned by energy conglomerates or multinational corporations.

While Sorenson did seem optimistic about the solar and wind energy industry, he still thought it wasn't moving fast enough to prepare for the time when oil sources are close to depletion.

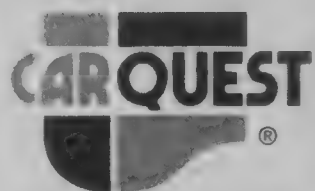
"We don't have enough people ready for when the situation explodes."

A thick handout prepared by Sorenson covering the most elemental issues - "Energy = the ability to do work" - to the most complex - "ProSine inverters are available with convenient duplex outlets or hardwire connections" (cottage demo system) - was also distributed at the workshop.



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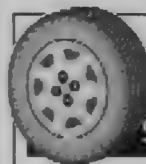
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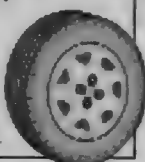
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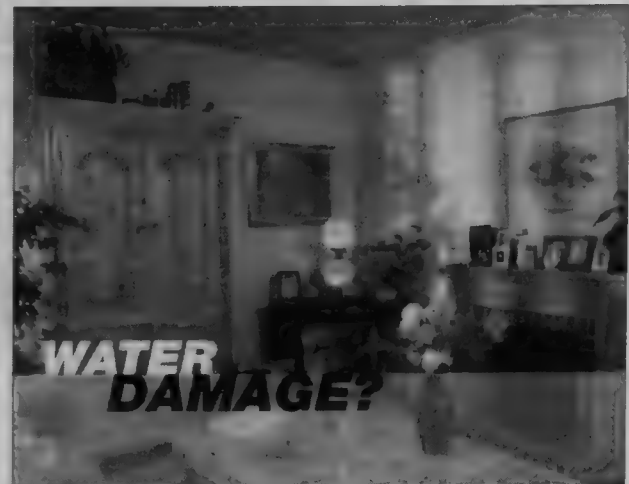
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Council withdraws charges

from page 1

Minden Hills council disagreed. Bylaw enforcement officer Fraser McDonald was instructed to pursue the matter and the case went to court last Friday.

McDonald says that during the pre-trial it appeared that the bylaw would hold up and this may have influenced the couple's decision to comply with the order to remove the vehicle.

McDonald says he was informed on Monday, November 24 that the truck had

been removed. He says it was an unexpected decision. The municipality decided to withdraw the charges and no trial was held.

McDonald says the fines usually handed out for these types of infractions are small and would in no way cover the municipality's costs in pursuing the case nor justify the provincial expense of holding the trial.

There have been no other challenges or problems with the enforcement of the bylaw, says McDonald.

Shared memories appreciated

from page 9

Coach Glen Sharpley and the Midget "A" Team for their love, and continued support shown in every thing you have done in memory of your team mate "Chappy". We, as a family, look forward to watching you play out the balance of the season and cheering you on! "MAKE CHAPPY PROUD!"

For the many who have donated to our Memory Box, with cards, letters and/or e-mails, we thank you. Please continue to share your memories with us of Shaun and/or through the e-mail (wemissyoushaun@hotmail.com) set up in Shaun's memory. You may also visit a website set up as well for our Shaun at www.geoci-

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We thank God for sending Shaun into our lives for the 17 plus years we spent together; it was a joy and a privilege to have you as a son/brother. We are truly going to miss you but will covet all the memories that we have shared together.

Love Mom, Dad, Christy, Jason, Amanda and Matthew.

P.S. If any person(s) who may have missed the funeral service would like a copy, please contact us as tapes and/or CDs are in the making - Thanks.

Thanks to Ann Neave and her helpers

To the Editor:

I would like to say thank you to Anne Neave and all her helpers for making our town of Minden look so beautiful for Christmas.

At night it is so magical it gives you a good feeling for Christmas.

Whoever you are, please leave the decorations where they are, as everyone worked so hard in the cold weather to make our town look so nice for all to enjoy.

Ellen Holden
Minden

Walkers really get around, and around and....

by MORRIS DUFF

Health nuts who rise early so they can trek a couple of miles in the school halls before the children arrive, last winter covered a total of 2,634 kilometres. That would have taken them from here to Medicine Hat, Alberta.

In order to escape the icy sidewalks and wintry blasts, 28 people walked the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School last year. Three and a half circuits of ASES equals a mile. Walkers keep track of how many laps they do each day in a book.

Rob Graham at 410 kilometres and his wife Sheila with 403, walked the farthest last year. Others who did 160 kilometres (100 miles) or more were Pearl Cowan, 222 kilometres, Maxine Snell, 213, Susan Turner and Bev Wood, 165, and Charlie Hadley, 160.

Last year's total was the furthest ever in the club's 11 year history. It, and a similar group at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, are organized by the Haliburton County branch of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and are back walking the halls for another year.

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Cancer survivors find strength in each other

Local woman
organizes group
get-together
to share feelings,
friendship

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

It is impossible to know how you would react if you were confronted with the news from your doctor that your tests have proven positive for cancer – unless you have been there.

Darlene Yule of Minden and a group of ladies who have become her friends know that devastating feeling and the friendship they have developed from going through the experience at the same time has helped them cope. Spending time together at the Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge knit the small group of women together as a second family – sisters who share a common bond thrust upon them by a terrifying disease.

Nearly two years ago, they were diagnosed with cancer and were drawn together from various parts of the province to the lodge in Toronto, where they stayed while they underwent treatment. While they were at the Lodge they spent many hours together supporting each other and sharing one of the most beneficial of therapies – laughter.

After several weeks of treatments, each of the women returned to her home, but not before vowing to gather for an annual get-together. The first of those reunions was in August of 2002 at the home of one of the group. This year, it was Darlene Yule's turn to organize the get-together. She chose the weekend of the Haliburton County Studio Tour and booked rooms at the Red Umbrella Inn.

Most of those who were able to attend the get-together agreed to put some thoughts down on paper about their week-end here or their experiences together. The common theme was the good times they have had together and the many laughs they have shared in spite of the traumatic experiences they've endured. By sharing their experiences they hope those who are going through similar situations will gain some hope and encouragement.

Following are their submissions:

Joan Martin

We met at the Princess Margaret Lodge



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Some of Darlene Yule's friends gathered in the lounge of the Red Umbrella for a fireside chat recently. All cancer survivors who met at the Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge early in 2002 when they were having treatments, the group of women have become friends who plan to meet as a group once a year. Darlene Yule, seated second from right is surrounded by her friends, including Doreen McFarlane, Therese Lavoie, Irene Frost, Enid Buckley, Joan Martin and Joan Elchuk.

in January or February of 2002 when we all underwent radiation therapy.

As a group, we made the best of our situation. We walked in the mornings after breakfast for some fresh air. We rode the bus together to treatments and we gathered in the evenings to talk and drink wine.

The support we gave each other is what helped the time pass quickly and helped us to heal and get on with our lives.

We are a fortunate group. We have come out of our cancer experiences richer because we have new friends – people who accept us as we are and encourage each other to live life to the fullest and to share our life experiences. We cry a little and we laugh a lot and we look forward to the next reunion.

Joan Elchuk

It became an almost daily ritual for us to gather in the evening in one of the lounges at the lodge to talk, share experiences, compare treatments and support each

other – but most of all to laugh.

It was decided to have a party once a week to celebrate those residents who had successfully finished their treatments and were heading home.

The invitation was extended to all and everyone shared resources of wine and munchies.

The core group of ladies decided to stay in touch and so the idea of a yearly reunion was born.

Irene Frost

I am a breast cancer survivor of two years. I am widowed for a year and a half. My husband died of lung cancer.

I am very lucky to have a supportive daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren and friends who make sure I keep active and involved in the community. I love gardening and for the past two years have received first prize for my flower gardens in the community where I live – near Orillia. I also help with the care of the

public gardens. Golf is another favourite activity. Travelling to Florida every winter with friends for a short holiday, we manage to squeeze in a few games.

I am blessed to have the friendship of the ladies I met at Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge and I hope it continues for many years.

Therese Lavoie

I am a breast cancer survivor and I am proud to say I belong to a wonderful group of ladies who met each other at Princess Margaret Lodge in Toronto. We became friends – cried and laughed – and have reunited once a year since the end of our treatments.

Our hosts at the Red Umbrella Inn were welcoming and wonderful! The first night our laughter could be heard for miles when we reminisced for hours. Kim and her mother were wonderful hostesses and we thank them. We also enjoyed the

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Sharing weekend brought friends closer together

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Studio Tour and the apple pie at the Wintergreen Barn. Jerry took a group picture and I'm sure he noticed the bond in this group.

Thank you Darlene Yule for getting us together in fellowship – in beautiful Minden!

Doreen McFarlane

I have had two cancer operations, the latest being a lumpectomy. My treatments were evenings at a clinic next to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. I was blessed to stay at the Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge on Jarvis Street in Toronto. What a wonderful facility for cancer patients who live outside the Greater Toronto Area. We were looked after by a nursing staff 24 hours a day; a cook and cafeteria staff who prepared and served good meals; a bus to take us for our treatments; staff to find volunteer drivers to pick us up after evening treatments; crafts; musical interludes; massages; and TVs, videos, and books, etc.

The lodge had two common rooms on each floor where patients could watch television or chat with each other. From our chat sessions, we became a small family of caring individuals who now meet and expect to continue our yearly reunions. We have fun and laugh a lot, which is good for all cancer patients.

The people at the Red Umbrella Inn

treated us like royalty and we loved them all!

Darlene Yule

After two years, it was great to see the ladies who had met at Princess Margaret Lodge where we spent many weeks having radiation treatments.

Our gracious host at the Red Umbrella, Kim, was right there to greet us as if we were coming home for a special holiday.

As the girls arrived, we greeted each other as if we were part of a large family, gathering for this special occasion. Hoping the girls would be pleased with the schedule – visiting the different studios – I was beginning to wonder with the amount of conversation taking place. But, they took into consideration what they would miss if they didn't go and see what was out there.

With each studio we visited the girls became even more enthusiastic and asked me, "Where to now?" The weather didn't seem so bad when you were anxiously waiting to see what was next.

Being together for the two days, visiting the studios provided a situation where each girl found something interesting and we heard opinions from each other.

When it was time to say goodbye, I felt closer to each one. I know they were pleased with what they saw and I was thanked many times for the great tour, the weekend we spent together, how beautiful it was up here and how lucky I am to live here.

'From our chat sessions, we became a small family of caring individuals who now meet and expect to continue our yearly reunions. We have fun and laugh a lot, which is good for all cancer patients.'

'A Country Doctor' is a hit at Family Medicine Forum

Kinmount plays a leading role

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Dr. Elena Mihi isn't accustomed to the limelight, but she appears to be coping well with her newfound celebrity.

Dr. Mihi was the subject of a National Film Board production titled "A Country Doctor" which chronicled the life of a doctor in a rural community, in this case Kinmount. The film was previewed at Highlands Cinema in Kinmount a few months ago and, as a result, Dr. Mihi was invited to attend the Family Medicine Forum 2003 in Calgary from October 23 to 25, presented by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

The forum has both educational and social components and takes place once a year at different locations. It gathers family physicians from across Canada.

Dr. Calvin Gutkin, the executive director of the College of Family Physicians, extended an invitation to Dr. Mihi after he attended the screening of the film in Kinmount.

Taking time from her busy practice at the Kinmount Community Medical Centre, Dr. Mihi attended the forum to answer questions after the film was shown.

The film had two screenings at the Forum, one prior to the conference and one at a special luncheon. The first showing was for the CFPC Board of directors, comprised of 18-20 family physicians from across Canada. The president of the American Academy of



Dr Elena Mihi

Family Physicians, Dr. Michael Fleming, also attended the first presentation.

"The funny thing was, I got in the elevator to go up to where the reception was and there were these three doctors with their spouses and one looks at me and he said, 'I know you, you're the country doctor'. He told me he saw the movie the night before and how impressed he was and how wonderful this was for family medicine. And that went on all night. I was so overwhelmed because all these people who had seen the

screening the night before took the time to congratulate me and say how wonderful this was."

Her colleagues said the film sent the message that rural medicine still exists and that there is good communication and strength of relationships between doctors and patients as well as the healing power of that relationship. "I can't remember everything they said but they each had something to say," Dr. Mihi said. "Even the director of the American Academy came and told me how inspiring this was."

"They asked me to thank the people of the community for sharing their story – for being such a nice, supportive community," Dr. Mihi said. She said the people who were really ill or dying were willing to be in the film in spite of their illnesses, which was a tribute to their support for their community.

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Last year we had fifty two companies and individuals participate. At the busiest time of the year all of you took time to help! Thank you.

The Christmas party season is about to commence. The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include this Challenge in your plans. Large or small each gift is needed to fill the baskets this Christmas.

Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in our draw. The winner last year was the JD Hodgson Elementary School. In their name the Haliburton County Home Builders Association made a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Take this opportunity to help our community!

Merry Christmas

THE HALIBURTON COUNTY HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION



“Every time there is a different portion of the movie that really touches me. I often look at it as if it were somebody else.”

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The second screening of the film was during the forum. “It was a special luncheon presentation, particularly for the family medicine residents, people who have another year or two left to complete their training,” Dr. Mihi said. “The hope was that they will be inspired to enter family medicine and rural family medicine in particular.”

She estimated the attendance at that screening to be about 100 doctors. Some of the members of the board of directors who attended the advanced screening returned to see the film again. The screening was followed by a short question and answer period. “Some were interested about how the film came about. They reiterated how it was so touching and inspiring and how positive it was despite the sad parts.”

The film included a whole range of life experiences from birth to death.

“I told them I liked the way the film turned out because it really captured what’s unique about family medicine. It is the strength of the relationship and the trust that we develop with patients over years. That’s unique to family medicine. No other specialty has that.”

She was asked what advice she would give young physicians who may be afraid to work in rural areas. “My advice was to go out and try it,” she said. “Do a month or two of your electives in a rural setting to try it out.”

She said people who grow up in small communities are often looking for a change. “It’s a matter of personality,” she said. What is important to an individual in terms of hobbies, social life and entertaining, for example, will dictate where he or she decides to practise medicine. “If you like socializing with other doctors or going to the opera every week, this is not for you. It depends what your particular interests are.”

While she was at the forum, Dr. Mihi ran into one of her teachers from McMaster University who specialized in psychiatry, Dr. Jonathan Davine. “He had an important role in my forming as a doctor,” she said. “He saw my name in the program and he took the time to come to the luncheon presentation. He was so touched and so proud and so overwhelmed that he said he wanted a copy of the film and he said he would like to have me over [to McMaster] to show

the film to the residents and have a question and answer session. And I wouldn’t be surprised if that happens in other provinces as well because the director of family medicine from BC also asked me where he could get a copy.”

He said he might look into the possibility of inviting her to BC to do a presentation. “It will be interesting to see what comes out of it,” she said.

Overall, Dr. Mihi said the forum was a nice, positive experience. She had the opportunity to attend a number of lectures by other doctors on a variety of subjects. “I learned a lot,” she said. “During the dinner with the board of directors I felt like a star, which is really not my style. I felt so humbled. I really didn’t do anything special to deserve all

those accolades.

“I agreed to do this film because I knew I wouldn’t have to do anything different from what I’m doing every day,” she said. When she was asked to participate in the project, she weighed the pros and cons and decided only good could come of it. She could foresee no cons. “If it turned out to be a nice, positive reflection of what rural medicine is all about, hopefully it would inspire some people to look into it.”

When she returned to the clinic in Kinmount from the forum in Calgary she felt invigorated. “I thought, wow, I’m doing what I was doing in the movie.”

Even after seeing the film four or five times, Dr. Mihi said she still gets emotional. “Every time there is a different portion of the movie that really touches me. I often look at it as if it were somebody else.”

Dr. Mihi said that even though it was difficult to get away from her practice, she was very happy to be able to participate. Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The annual forum will be held in Toronto and Dr. Mihi plans to volunteer to help with the organization of that event.

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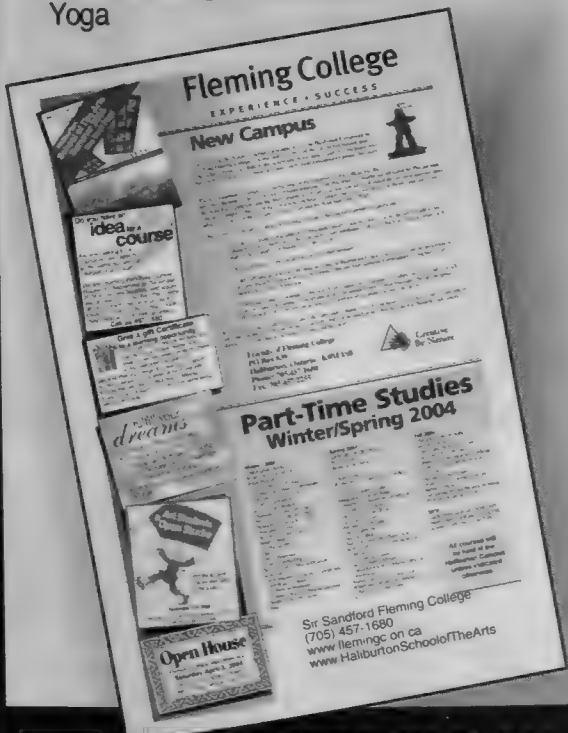
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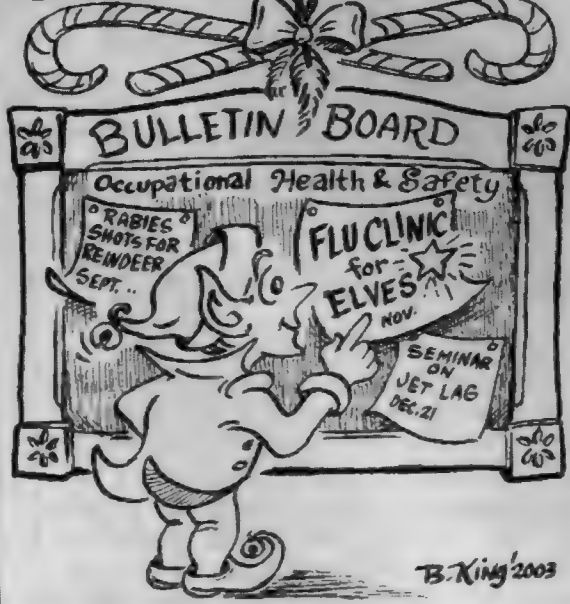
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Hustle and bustle begins in anticipation of Christmas

Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat. That was the sign of a good Christmas of years ago for as long as we had a good Christmas feast and a gift under the tree we were happy. When we got our Christmas stocking of sweets and if all was well an orange the day was complete. That, of course, and being with our family and friends sharing that magical time of year. With November over Christmas is just around the corner and the hustle and bustle to ready for the season has already started.

At our Remembrance Day Service with members of the Minden Legion we remembered our fallen friends and those who suffered for our freedom, Don Holden placed the wreath in honour of the many that died.

We enjoyed being entertained by a large group of men with strong harmonising voices called the "Gentlemen of Song". We all gathered in the auditorium where their voices rang out song after song with rich vibrant tones.

Men's Club as usual was well attended with foods like pancakes, sausages topped off with home made maple syrup then finished with apple pie and we can not forget everyone's favourite "home made bread". Can you see why it is more than usually well attended? All joking aside the men enjoy their time amongst themselves reminiscing and talking of happenings and things to come.

Rumour has it they are anticipating chicken pot pie for next month!

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of three of our residents who passed away this month. Bessie Burke, May Patterson and Mary Robertson, will be missed by all.

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit already with a visit from the Trivocals who sang Christmas carols with us and the decorating here is fast and furious.

Another joy is our visit from the Salvation Army Band who will be coming for Christmas service and music tomorrow.

We have been enjoying afternoons at the movies on weekends. We have watched "The Man From Snowy River" and have laughed along with "Red Skeleton".

We would like to officially welcome our newest residents Inez Riel, Joseph Palicka and Marjory Rennick. We hope to see you out and about especially at our many activities.

This year again we are having a contest for the staff. They decorate our doors for Christmas and we the residents judge on which we like most. Both residents and staff have their work cut out for them, but it will be fun! Our prize this year is fudge donated by staff member Christie Ackerblade of "Simply Irresistible" store located on the main street, take a browse for some really unique gift ideas for Christmas, you won't be disappointed.

Once again this month there are too many entertainers and other volunteers who we consider family to list all, however we truly appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for spending time with us.

December will be extremely busy and fun with all our Christmas parties and entertainment. We are looking forward to seeing those friendly faces the Christmas season brings.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Lions and firefighters joining forces to gather toys, food on Wednesday

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The Dorset Fire Department and Dorset Lions Club Toy and Food Drive will take place on Wednesday, December 3 with vehicles leaving the Fire Hall at 6:30pm. Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you are unsure if the workers will be coming by your place, please call Clint MacKay at 766-2249 or Dan Parniak at 766-0981. The vehicles will be identified by flashing red lights on the fire trucks or flashing green lights on other trucks. Contributions can also be left at Algonquin Highlands Township (Dorset) Office, Dorset Tim-B Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine.



DORSET NEWS

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Anglican Church, Dorset. St. Mary's extends a special invitation to people from surrounding communities. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children and can be purchased from church members, at the Dorset Post Office or at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information, please call Patricia Thompson at 766-0267.

Community Kitchen will be meeting on December 18 to bake Christmas cookies. If you are interested in participating, please call the Rec Centre at 766-9968 by December 8.

The Dorset Heritage Museum has the ideal stocking stuffer this Christmas. It's a 2004 Calendar with photos of the Dorset area from years gone by. They are available at the Algonquin Highlands Township Office (Dorset), Robinson's General Store, the Dorset post office, Dorset Tim-B Mart, Mountain Trout House Marina and Old Mill Marine. Also available from the Museum are Gary Long's informative new books, "The Gilmour Tramway" and "When Giants Fall". For more information or to purchase books or calendars, call Norm at 766-2814.

The Huntsville Curling Club is offering a free curling clinic on Sunday, January 4th, 2004 for all new curlers and those wishing to reinforce their skills (including Dorsetites!). Wear warm clothes, clean running shoes, gloves or mitts and bring your lunch. Please register by calling Joan Dunn at 635-1933.

Birthday wishes for November 30 to December 6 go out to Gina Baum and Hubert Blais. Have a wonderful day!

H.H. Don't forget the lightbulbs when dusting. A dusty bulb will give off up to 50% less light.

To submit something for the Dorset news send E-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, or call at 766-0076.

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The new threshold of \$225 for a regular week of work (up from \$150) reflects increases in Canadian wages.

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Some things remain the same:

- All insurable hours will still be used for eligibility purposes, even if they are not used to calculate your benefit rate.
- You must continue to report all earnings in the weeks you earn them.
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Blue Christmas at Minden United Church

Christmas is coming! We look forward to everything those words suggest, the lights appearing on homes and shops, the excitement and anticipation we can share with children, and the arrival of Santa Claus. We love hearing again the familiar music and, most of all we enjoy the joy and peace and hope that Christmas brings.

Some of us like to step back from the noise and bustle, to remember Christmases past and the loved ones who made these days so special. Others fail to see the lights or to hear the music, the voices of children mean little and they do

not find any of the joy or peace or hope. They are the ones who are grieving over the loss of a loved one, of a relationship or because they no longer have a job. For them Christmas is not a happy time.

If you are facing just such a difficult time this year or if you wish to sit quietly and remember, you are invited to join in a quiet service of prayer and meditation in Minden United Church on Newcastle Street at 7 pm on Tuesday December 9th 2003. The Rev. Max Ward will lead the service and every one is welcome.

R.I.D.E. checks target impaired drivers

The holiday season is almost upon us, and the Ontario Provincial Police wants to remind the motoring public of the danger of mixing alcohol with driving. From November 28, 2003 to January 2, 2004, the OPP will team up with police services across the province for the annual Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

Impaired driving remains the leading criminal cause of death in Canada.

Last year, during the five-week OPP Festive R.I.D.E. initiative, officers stopped 567,552 vehicles at roadside checkpoints, 458 persons were charged with criminal

code alcohol-related offences and a total of 1,072 12-hour licence suspensions were issued. Officers also issued 449 of the 90-day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspensions.

Unfortunately, during the Festive RIDE campaign last year, officers investigated 50 fatal collisions in which 62 people lost their lives. Nine of these fatal collisions were alcohol related. This needless and tragic loss of life must stop.

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Once again the Kinmount & District Lions Club are asking for your support in brightening the holiday season for children and families in our community. Watch for the annual "Angel Tree" at the Post Office and provide a welcomed gift for a child/teen to open on Christmas morning. Remember, too, that boxes will be located at the Mariposa Community Credit Union, Kinmount Foodtown and the Legion to receive non-perishable food items.

On Friday, December 12th the John McGrath Branch 441 Kinmount Legion is having its super Christmas Bingo and will be giving out turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$500 "Must Go" Jackpot. The Bingo will start at 7 p.m.

St. Luke's Anglican Church, Burnt River will hold its

Second Annual Community Pot Luck Dinner and Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday, December 14th. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Burnt River-Somerville Centre followed by a procession to St. Luke's for the Carol Service at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call Ada Handley at [705]-454-8572.



AROUND THE TOWN

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Main Street, Kinmount will be filled with excited greeters on Sunday, December 14th as Santa arrives at 2 p.m. complete with music, floats and marchers. The Parade is sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 and the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Floats are to assemble by 1:00 p.m. at TIM-BR Mart. For further information call 488-2635.

The Minden Rotary Turkey Mega Bingo on Sunday, December 7th at the Minden Community Centre promises to

bigger and better than ever. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the Games beginning at 7 p.m. There is a Jackpot of \$2000 if won on 48 numbers or fewer, which changes to \$1000 if it takes 49 numbers or more. Other features include 30 free turkey vouchers, Early Bird, Share the Wealth, Bonanza and Late Owl Games. For more information call Jeanne at 286-3756.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Thursday, November 20 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the most lone hands column it was Flo Roussel for the ladies and Tom Orr for the gents. High scores for ladies/men were recorded by Maxine Cross and Helen Cox while the lows went to Georgina Parkes and Verna McDonald. Other prizes were won by May Bradbury, Helen Cox and Don Burch along with Pat and Marcel Roussel.

Friday, November 21 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Moonshots landed on Jean Dutka, Mary Pearson and Cliff Davison while Barb Robitaille uncovered the hidden score. Marj Coffey led the pinks at 276 followed by

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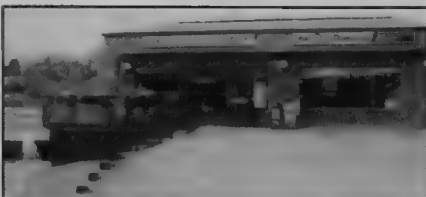


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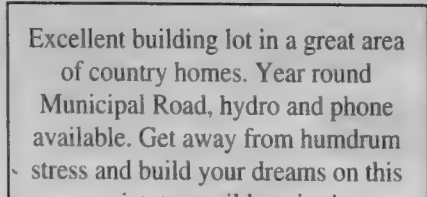


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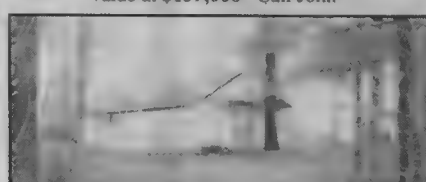
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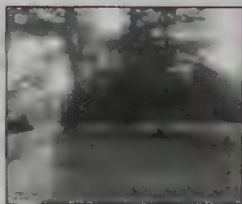
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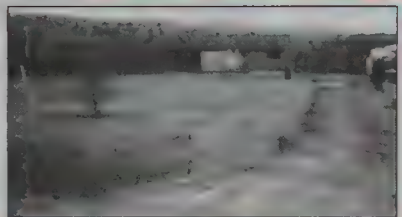


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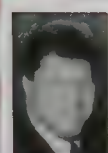
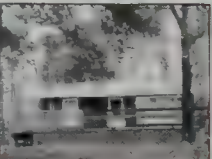
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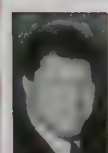
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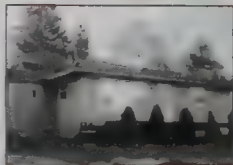


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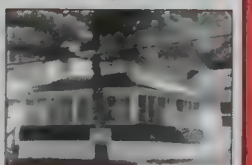
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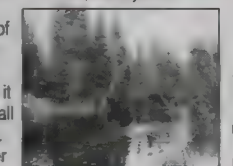


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Marjorie Cowen 274 and Colleen Davison 224. For the white cards Alvin Cowen topped the charts at 277 with our reporter Mary Pearson 255 second and Stan Dutka 233 third.

Friday, November 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell system the winners were Muriel and Doug McIntosh 58%, Reet Murray and Bill Sandford 55% then a tie for third spot between Dorothy Thayer partnered with Ross Fletcher and Margo Davidson

and Diane Boll at 53%.

Saturday, November 22 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Topping the charts was Norm Lee 264 then Gala Stamp 254 and Margaret Fletcher 251. There were no special visitors with the draws going to Mary Coulter, June Branning and Elli Langpohl to whom well wishes are extended by her many friends.

Monday, November 24 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Barb Robitaille took both the lone hand honours and the baloney. High scores for ladies/men were recorded by Pearl Kernohan and Garth Windsor while Marj Cowen and Ivan Kernohan tallied the evening's lows.

Monday, November 24 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Norm Lee took high hands, Iris Taylor lone hands and Joan Kernohan low hands with Idella Gault the special prize winner.

Monday, November 24 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: First place went to Joe Rivers with Gwen Cox second and Syd Adamson third. The draws went to Don Burch and Verna McDonald. Thanks to Pat Roussel for this update.

Monday, November 24 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Tim Sharpe had an impressive seven lone hands to win for the men with Marion Stickwood leading the ladies. High score holders men/ladies were Jack Chilton and Gwen Cox while Katie Parker took the afternoon's low. Draw winners were Marion Stickwood and Fern Donnelly. Katie reminds everyone that there will not be cards at the Club on Monday December 22nd and 29th.

Monday, November 24 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Ida Young took first place with Dorothy McElwain second high. Making up for last week's lack of moonshots singles went to Roger Fournier, Marg Viney, Vic Ballik, and Gladys Bowman while Ida Young had four. Our reporter Mildred St. Thomas won the draw. Last Monday's results showed Kay Naylor as high, Emily Harvie second high and Berkie Parker low.

Tuesday, November 25 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: With a score of 284 the top team was Beverley Alexander and Laura Carnegie. Syd Lockhart and Helen Skelding were a close second at 282 followed by Moe Briscoe and Joan Meadows 255. Colleen

Davison and Grace Berardi had the low score of 116 but still joined everyone in the birthday wishes for Bob Alexander.

Tuesday, November 25 euchre at Gelert: For the gents it was Norm Lee topping the charts with George Bartley recording the low. Dorothy McElwain was high lady with Isabelle Saunders low and Lorna Hicks winning for lone hands. Two players who shall remain anonymous were paid a visit by the striped furry one.

Tuesday, November 25 contract bridge at Stanhope: Four slams were played two of which were by June Branning with her partners Dorothy Thayer and then Dave Heaven. Mary and Len McNeice and Harold Cox teamed with Ray Moore had the other two. Harold Cox led the scoring at 5600 followed by Dave Heaven 5380, June Branning 5130 and Dorothy Thayer 5070. Muriel McIntosh won the lucky draw while Harold prided himself on receiving the "C.O.T.W." Special Award for being "Cox of the Walk".

Tuesday, November 25 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Jean Scadden topped the charts at 313 with Marcel Roussel 291 second and Gala Stamp 255 third. The moonshot trio were Gala Stamp, Idella Gault and Norm Lee while Marcel Roussel, Elva Paisley and Norm Lee uncovered hidden scores. Everyone was pleased to welcome back Jean and Pat Scadden from their anniversary vacation to warmer climates.

Wednesday, November 26 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders at 64% were Don Mills and Bill Sandford with Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher second at 55%. For East/West first place went to Grace Boice and Judy Neimann 57% with a tie for second at 55% between the pairs of Helen and Tom Regan and Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf.

Wednesday, November 26 bid euchre at Stanhope: Gala Stamp reports single moonshots landing on Jean Dutka, Sandy Poulton, Trudy Kroes, Don Burch, Cliff Davison and Kevin Maloney with Stan Dutka taking two. Leading the pinks was Pearl Cowen 251 then Pat Roussel tied with Marj Coffey for second place at 244 and Sandy Poulton 239 third. Stan Dutka topped the white cards at 291 followed by Cliff Davison 285 and Marj Hamilton 271.

Wednesday, November 26 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High "lady" was Roger Fournier with Rose Issacson low lady while for the gents Frank Franzen was high and Truman McNeil low. Pauline Franzen held the most lone hands and Gerald Silver won the draw.

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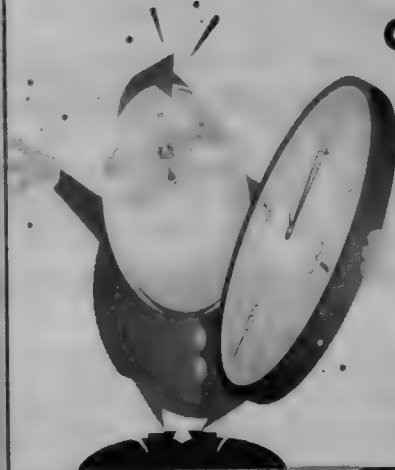
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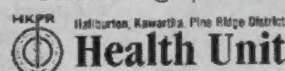
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 Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
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420 PERSONALS

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460 OBITUARIES

KENNEDY, WILLIAM 'RALPH'

- Passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, November 23, 2003, at the age of 80. Beloved husband of the late Betty Kennedy. Father of Paul and his wife Sharon of Dundas, Ian and his wife Mary Ellen of Oakwood, and Dawn and her husband Larry Slack of Hagersville. Grandfather of Angela Kennedy, Katrina, Daniel, Samantha and William Slack. In keeping with Ralph's philosophies, private arrangements have been made. Memorial donations to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and may be made through the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay K9V 3L9 (705-328-2721). CA

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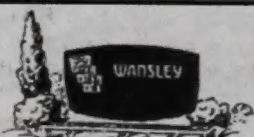
Passed away peacefully at Extencicare, Haliburton, on Monday, November 24, 2003, with his family by his side.

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Beloved husband of the late Erma Lillian Little (nee Dugan). Dear father of Bill and his wife Sue, Judy Little and Barrie Sisson, Janet and her husband Bill Donnelly, all of Lochlin. Loving grandfather of Cara and her fiancé Ryan Ellis, Sheamus, Elizabeth, Christopher, Heather, Adrian and Kaila. Dear brother of Joan (the late George Drummond), Marlene and Don Currie, Gwen and Bert Smith, Alex and Zetta Mae Little, predeceased by Darlene Cox, Patricia Little, Melville Little. Fondly remembered by brothers-in-law Basil Cox and Carl Dugan, by his many nieces and nephews, and by his extended family Julian, Lynn, Kyle, Rebecca, Brenda, Reg, Shawna and Gail. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, on Wednesday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Thursday, November 27, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial donations to Extencicare Proud Pioneers or to the Lochlin United Church would be appreciated by the family. CA

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- **December 3:** The Laryngectomy & Family Support Group welcomes Laryngectomees & their families to its monthly meeting from 2:00 to 3:30pm at the Canadian Cancer Society in Peterborough. Contact CCS at 705-742-3823 or Jim Riel at 705-745-3178.
- **December 3:** Join Home Support for their Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Call Roxanne or Sheri at 457-2941 to reserve your tickets.
- **December 4:** Kinmount Celebrates "Light Across Canada" Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7pm. Austin Heritage Park Rail Station.
- **December 4:** Alzheimer Society of Victoria County support group at the Kinmount & District Health Care, lower level. Open group. 10:30 a.m.
- **December 4:** 7:30-9:30pm L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together. Special speaker: Joan Peacock, Peterborough. Special music: The Walsh Sisters, Haliburton. Special feature: Cottage Country Log Cabin, West Guilford. at the West Guilford Community Centre. Call Lyn 457-3155 or Alice 754-2808. Please bring 1/2 dozen Christmas baking & an unwrapped toy for 4Cs. Sponsored by Womens' Ministries, West Guilford Baptist Church.
- **December 5:** Join the Home Support for their second Christmas Luncheon in the Minden United Church. Call Roxanne or Sheri at 457-2941 to reserve your tickets.
- **December 6:** Santa's Workshop Craft Sale & Flea market presented by the First Wilberforce Pathfinder Unit. 9am to 3pm at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Call Kathy Roger at 705-448-2419 or 705-448-3652.
- **December 6:** 14th Anniversary of the killing of 14 young women at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. We will hold a vigil of remembrance & action, on behalf of those women and all who suffer violence still, and in determination for a peaceful community, at the downtown traffic lights in Haliburton at 2:00 p.m. For more information, call Claire Sylvan at 457-1497.
- **December 6 & 7:** You are invited to Bethlehem Live at Cobocok Lions Park. Gates open at 6pm. Performance begins at 6:45pm. Everyone welcome!
- **December 7:** Highlands Wind Symphony presents its 5th Annual Christmas Concert. Featuring the newly formed Highlands Swing Band. 3pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. For information call (705) 457-2862.
- **December 7:** Minden Rotary Turkey Mega bingo - bigger and better than ever! Jackpot \$2,000*. Games begin at 7 p.m. at Minden Community Centre.
- **December 10:** Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Carol Sing" at 7:30 pm - Church Rd. off County Rd #1, Lochlin. Refreshments; hot cider & Christmas goodies following. Donations to the Food Banks accepted.
- **December 11:** The Canadian Federation of University Women's Club Christmas Cheer Meeting at 7pm is at the home of Helen Baker on Robertson Rd in Haliburton. Each member is asked to bring a small sampling of something sweet or savory to share with the group. Come & meet members, plan for future directions & enjoy an evening of fun. Questions? Call Helen 457-3322.
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- **December 14:** Santa Claus Parade at 2pm. Main St, Kinmount. For more info call 488-2635.
- **December 16:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Haliburton 1pm to 2:30pm at the Alzheimer Office. Tips for an enjoyable holiday season. Contact Janet Bottum at 457-8335.
- **December 17:** Christmas Open House. Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area welcomes you to our Open House. 2pm to 4pm. Come - meet the Board & Staff members. Enjoy coffee, tea, treats. Take a look at some of our new additions in the library.
- **December 18:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Minden 1pm to 2:30pm at the Hyland Crest. Tips for an enjoyable holiday season. Contact Janet Bottum at 457-8335.

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Minute Maid Premium Original

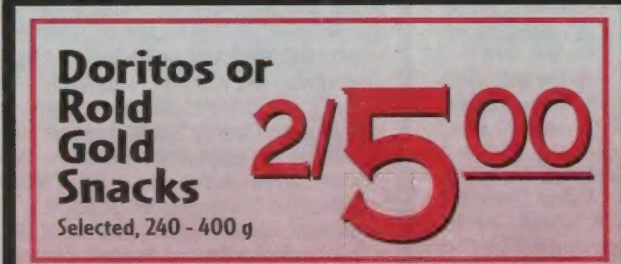
Minute Maid Chilled Orange Juice
Selected, 1.89 Litre

1⁸⁸ ea.



Lasagna
Selected, Frozen
1 kg

4⁹⁹



Doritos or Rold Gold Snacks
Selected, 240 - 400 g

2/5⁰⁰



Clover Leaf Sockeye Salmon
213 g
Limit 6 Tins per Customer

1⁹⁹ ea.



Chef Boyardee

Beefaroni
Macaroni with Beef in Tomato Sauce

Mini Ravioli
Beef Ravioli in Tomato & Meat Sauce

.88 ea.

from the deli

Regular or Garlic Roast Beef
1.21 / 100 g

5⁴⁹ lb.

Kellogg's Cereals

Frosted Flakes 525 g,
Corn Pops 375 g,
Cinnamon Frosted Flakes 425 g
Muslix Almond Raisin 450 g
or Banana Nut 475 g

2⁹⁹ ea.

from the bakeshop

7 Inch Black Forest or Carrot Cake
850 - 950 g

7⁹⁹ ea.

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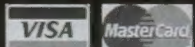
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